

REMARKS

The Office Action mailed 21 May 2010, has been received and its contents carefully noted. The pending claims, claims 12, 14-18, 20, 24-28 and 31-35, were rejected. By this Response, claims 1-11 have been canceled, claims 12, 13, 17, 18, 34, and 35 have been amended, and claims 26-38 are newly added. Support may be found in the specification and the claims as originally filed. See, for example, paragraphs [0031], [0032], [0041] and [0042] of the published application. No statutory new matter has been added. Therefore, reconsideration and entry of the claims, as amended, are respectfully requested.

Interview Summary

Applicants appreciate the Examiner taking the time to conduct a telephonic interview on 25 May 2011. During the interview, the Examiner indicated that a substitute specification was required to address various informalities and recommended claim amendments which he would likely favorably receive.

Again, Applicants appreciate Examiner's time and consideration.

Substitute Specification and Drawing

Applicants respectfully request that the Substitute Specification and the Drawing Sheet be entered. A marked-up copy showing the changes from the originally filed application to that as amended by the Substitute Specification is submitted herewith. Briefly, the tables in the "ANNEXES" have been moved to the body of the specification, the Figure 1 in the "ANNEXES" has been deleted and added as a drawing sheet, and a description of the drawing has been added. No statutory new matter has been added by the Substitute Specification or the Drawing Sheet. Therefore, entry of the Substitute Specification and the Drawing Sheet are respectfully requested.

Claim Amendments

Applicants have canceled the withdrawn product claims. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the canceled product claims in a continuing application without prejudice or disclaimer.

The claims have been amended to clarify "n", "Mn(A)", and "Mn(B)". Applicants

respectfully submit that these amendments are not intended to change the scope or meaning of the claims.

The claims have also been amended to indicate the “number-average” molar mass at each instance referring to a polymer block. Applicants respectfully submit that these amendments are not intended to change the scope or meaning of the claims.

It should be noted that the phrase “molar mass” for R_L is correct as R_L is not polymeric and does not have the distribution of mass. Instead, it is a group attached to the alkoxyamine and has a unique molar mass.

Claim 13 has been rewritten to be in independent form. It is directed to the embodiment set forth in paragraph [0042] of the published application where the material being diluted is in accordance with paragraph [0031]. Applicants respectfully submit that these amendments are not intended to change the scope or meaning of the claims.

Applicants have added new claims 36-38.

Claim 38 is a new independent claim and is directed to the embodiment set forth in paragraph [0042] of the published application where the material being diluted is in accordance with paragraph [0032].

Claims 36 and 37 are dependent on claims 13 and 35, respectively, and are directed to extrusion process described at paragraph [0041] as the mixing step (c).

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider and expand his search to claims 13 and 36-38.

Request for Interview

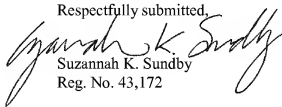
Prior to issuing a further action, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner contact the undersigned to arrange either a telephonic or an in-person interview.

CONCLUSION

All of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner reconsider all presently outstanding rejections and that they be withdrawn. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action and, as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

It is not believed that extensions of time are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in accompanying documents. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor are hereby authorized to be charged to **Deposit Account No. 02-4300, Attorney Docket No. 033808.197.**

Respectfully submitted,



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